

COLBY SEEKS LIGHT ON SIBERIAN LEASE; WARNS AMERICANS

Harding Denies That He Knows Vanderlip or Knew of Talks With Reds.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—The State Department today is looking into the report received yesterday that H. G. Wells, the Russian novelist, had been told while in Russia that Washington D. Vanderlip had claimed to act as the representative of Senator Harding in negotiating with the Soviet Government for the lease of 100,000 acres of land in Siberia.

The report came from the United States Commissioner at Haid, but it is positively denied by Harding, that he knows Vanderlip or has ever communicated with him. Secretary Colby warns business men against any plans for business in Russia involving recognition of the Soviet Government.

The cablegram from Haid was sent under date of Sept. 20. It probably would not have been mentioned by the State Department but for the announcement of the Vanderlip concessions. Among other things the dispatch from Commissioner Young stated Vanderlip was apparently endeavoring to obtain coal concessions in Kamchatka. The reports were viewed by Secretary Colby as in the nature of a confirmation of the State Department's advice.

The announcement of the State Department was as follows:

"Regarding the published report from London that Washington D. Vanderlip of California had concluded an arrangement with the Russian

Soviet Government for a large concession in Northeastern Siberia, the only dispatch bearing directly on the subject received by the State Department was one received Oct. 20, from the Commissioner for the Baltic Provinces at Haid. It states that Vanderlip, the American then at Moscow, claimed to represent Senator Harding, and had made certain proposals regarding the recognition of the Bolshevik Government. The dispatch further stated that Vanderlip was apparently endeavoring to obtain coal concessions in Kamchatka."

In addition, Secretary Colby made this statement:

"The Wells referred to in the dispatch is undoubtedly Mr. H. G. Wells, the British writer who has lately returned to England from Russia, which I understand he visited for the purpose of obtaining first hand information on conditions in Russia. The Vanderlip referred to in the dispatch is presumably Mr. Washington D. Vanderlip, to whom reference is made in the press dispatches of today from London and Los Angeles.

"These press reports and confirmation of the object of Mr. Vanderlip's activities as revealed in the departmental official dispatch, and speak at length of important and extensive concessions which he claims to have received from the Soviet Government.

"The department has no information beyond that contained in the dispatch. I might say, however, that it comes without qualifying terms from an official of the department, in which we place much dependence. He is Mr. Evan E. Young, our Commissioner at Haid, and is charged with the duty of reporting to the department significant facts that come to his knowledge."

Secretary Colby made no charge that Senator Harding sent Vanderlip to Soviet Russia or that the American engineer represents the Republican candidate for President. He said he felt that the matter is one of such importance that Commissioner Young's cablegram should be given publicity.

REPORT IS WHOLLY DENIED BY HARDING

Vanderlip Not His Agent and Never Heard of Him, He Declares.

MADISON, Oct. 27.—Direct denial was made by Senator Harding today of reports reaching the State Department that Washington D. Vanderlip was acting as his agent in Russia.

"I have never heard of Mr. Vanderlip," said the Senator. "He is not my agent, and I have no agent. I know absolutely nothing about any such matter as is discussed in these dispatches, and have no interest in it whatever."

Chandler Says Syndicate Is for Business Alone.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 27.—It was stated today by Harry Chandler, publisher of the Los Angeles Times, on behalf of the syndicate represented by Washington D. Vanderlip, now in Copenhagen, that Mr. Vanderlip represents purely personal business interests here and elsewhere in the West.

He said Mr. Vanderlip and those he represents have no connection, either personally or politically, with Senator Harding.

BIG BRITISH STRIKE MAY END TO-DAY, IS VIEW IN LONDON

Mutual Agreement Reached—Miners to Get Increase Without Raising Price of Coal.

LONDON, Oct. 27.—Conferees among representatives of the Government, the miners and the mine owners, which were in progress during the day yesterday and into last evening, were expected to be resumed at noon today. This morning's newspapers contain confident prediction that a settlement would be reached today and that the miners would be at work again within a few days.

The terms, which are reported to have been virtually agreed upon yesterday, were withheld from the public at the wish of the miners' executive pending their ratification by the pending conference of the miners' delegates. Should the delegates not ratify the terms another ballot of the miners would be necessary.

According to information gathered in conference circles, the miners, under the scheme virtually approved yesterday, will receive the increase in wages they demand from Oct. 1 until the end of December by which time it is expected a National Wage Board, which is to be established, will have devised a permanent scheme.

The price of coal, under the reported settlement plan, is not to be increased to domestic consumers, but the increased wages are to be met by the revenue from the export trade and, according to some reports, the wage scale is to rise and fall according to the revenue from that trade.

It also is reported that under the contemplated settlement the miners' executive has undertaken not to resort to violence in direct action to secure the nationalization of the mines and likewise has agreed to co-operate judicially towards the success of the new plan.

As Caccia Conferred to Him Also. BOLA, Czech, Italy, Oct. 27.—Also known as a fellow prisoner of Alfredo Caccia, an Italian charged with the murder of Ruth Caccia in New York City in 1917, testified at today's session of the court in Rome that he had

COMPLETE STOCK QUOTATIONS—12 M.

	Open	High	Low	Close	Open	High
Am. Sugar	40 1/2	41 1/2	40 1/2	41 1/2	Kennecott	27 1/2
Am. Tobacco	75 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	76 1/2	Kentucky Coal	14 1/4
Am. Cotton	30 1/2	31 1/2	30 1/2	31 1/2	Kentucky Lumber	10 1/2
Am. Oil	25 1/2	26 1/2	25 1/2	26 1/2	Lackawanna Steel	10 1/2
Am. Lumber	15 1/2	16 1/2	15 1/2	16 1/2	Lehigh Valley	10 1/2
Am. Paper	8 1/2	9 1/2	8 1/2	9 1/2	Lehigh Valley	10 1/2
Am. Glass	6 1/2	7 1/2	6 1/2	7 1/2	Lehigh Valley	10 1/2
Am. Rubber	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	Lehigh Valley	10 1/2
Am. Leather	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	Lehigh Valley	10 1/2
Am. Textile	2 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	Lehigh Valley	10 1/2
Am. Chemical	1 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	Lehigh Valley	10 1/2
Am. Pharmaceutical	1 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	Lehigh Valley	10 1/2
Am. Food	1 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	Lehigh Valley	10 1/2
Am. Beverage	1 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	Lehigh Valley	10 1/2
Am. Entertainment	1 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	Lehigh Valley	10 1/2
Am. Transportation	1 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	Lehigh Valley	10 1/2
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